

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

On Page 1, before line 14, insert the following:

-- Background of the Invention --

On Page 2, before line 19, insert the following:

-- Summary of the Invention --

On Page 2, lines 24-27:

These objects are achieved by a heating device, ~~having the features of claim 1, by a~~ continuous heating device, ~~having the features of claim 10,~~ and a household appliance ~~according to the exemplary embodiments described herein, having the features of claims 11 to 15. Advantageous embodiments are obtained from the dependent patent claims.~~

On Page 5, before line 17, insert the following:

-- Brief Description of the Drawings --

On Page 5, before line 30, insert the following:

-- Detailed Description of the Exemplary Embodiments of the Present Invention --